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William J. Morgan, Ph.D.

Dear Dr. Morgan:

Your letter to President Nixon concerning the activities of the American Psychological Association has been forwarded to this office for consideration and reply.

With reference to your suggestion that the American Psychological Association (APA) is funded by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), we contacted the CIA and have been advised that the CIA neither funds the APA nor supports it, nor has any ties with that organization.

In the light of this fact and in the absence of any allegation of a violation of Federal law, we are not, of course, authorized to inquire into the political orientation of APA personnel.

We do, however, follow closely the activities of subversive elements in our society and we are prepared to take the necessary prosecutive action whenever sufficient evidence is developed to establish a violation of Federal law.

In addition, investigation and clearance of all employees of the Executive branch of the Federal Government is required by law. Executive Order No. 10450 requires that all persons privileged to be employed in the Executive branch of the Federal Government be loyal to the United States and no one may hold a sensitive position with the Government unless his employment is determined to be clearly consistent with the interests of national security.

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We appreciate the expression of concern contained  
in your letter to President Nixon.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. DOHERTY  
Acting Assistant Attorney General